

IN THE CLAIMS

Pending Claims (09/830,357)

1-60 (Cancelled)

61 (Currently Amended). A composition of matter that is semi-solid or solid at room temperature and/or when refrigerated by household means, ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a mixture of ~~(at least)~~ about 50% or more by weight of at least one liquid oil and 50% or less of ~~at least one solid fat~~ beeswax, wherein said at least one liquid oil is a liquid in at least one portion of the temperature range of 4-25°C and ~~said at least one solid fat is a solid in at least one portion of the temperature range of 4-25°C.~~

62 (Previously Added). A composition of matter according to claim 61, wherein said (at least) one liquid oil contains omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids (Ω -3 PUFA).

63 (Previously Amended). A composition of matter according to Claim 62, wherein said (at least) one liquid oil in the solidifying mixture contains from about 20% to about 90% by weight of omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids.

64 (Previously Amended). A composition of matter according to Claim 63, wherein said at least one liquid oil containing 20-90% by weight of omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids is fish oil.

65 (Previously Amended). A composition of matter according to Claim 64, wherein said fish oil contains above 50% by weight of omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids.

66 (Withdrawn). A composition of matter according to claim 61, wherein said at least one liquid oil is a vegetable oil.

67 (Withdrawn). A composition of matter according to claim 66, wherein said at least one vegetable oil is selected from soybean oil and olive oil.

68-70 (Cancelled)

71 (Currently Amended). A composition of matter according to claim ~~70~~64, comprising from about 50% to about 80% of by weight of fish oil.

72 (Currently Amended). A composition of matter according to claim ~~70~~64, comprising ~~at least~~ about 80% by weight of fish oil.

73 (Currently Amended). A composition of matter according to claim 72, ~~comprising~~ wherein the amount of omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids in said fish oil is such that said composition comprises about 60% by weight of omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids.

74 (Cancelled)

75 (Withdrawn and Currently Amended). A composition of matter according to claim ~~74~~67, wherein said vegetable oil is soybean oil.

76 (Withdrawn and Currently Amended). A composition of matter according to claim ~~74~~67, wherein said vegetable oil is olive oil.

77 (Previously Added). A composition of matter according to claim 61, wherein the composition has a homogeneous consistency.

78 (Previously Added). A composition of matter according to claim 77, in the form of a homogeneous semi-solid spreading paste.

79 (Previously Added). A composition of matter according to claim 61, further comprising at least one additional ingredient.

80 (Previously Added). A composition of matter according to claim 79, wherein said at least one additional ingredient is at least one flavoring agent.

81 (Previously Added). A composition of matter according to claim 80, wherein said at least one flavoring agent is smoked salmon flavor or parmesan cheese flavor.

82 (Withdrawn). A composition of matter according to claim 79, wherein said at least one additional ingredient is at least one odorant.

83 (Withdrawn). A composition of matter according to claim 82, wherein said at least one odorant is garlic scent or oregano scent.

84 (Currently Amended). A homogenous semi-solid paste for spreading ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of at least about 50% by weight of fish oil and about 50% or less of beeswax.

85 (Currently Amended). A homogenous semi-solid paste for spreading according to Claim 84 ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of at least about 80% by weight of fish oil.

86 (Currently Amended). A homogenous semi-solid paste for spreading according to Claim 85 wherein the amount

of omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids in said fish oil is such that said composition comprises ~~comprising~~ about 60% by weight of omega-3 polyunsaturated acids.

87 (Previously Amended). A homogenous semi-solid paste for spreading according to Claim 85, further comprising at least one additional ingredient.

88 (Previously Amended). A homogenous semi-solid paste for spreading according to Claim 87, wherein said at least one additional ingredient is selected from at least one odorant and at least one flavoring agent.

89 (Currently Amended). A method for the preparation of a composition of matter according to claim 61, the method comprising:

(a) heating a mixture of said at least one liquid oil and said ~~at least one solid fat~~ beeswax to a temperature above the melting point of said ~~at least one solid fat~~ beeswax, under conditions such that homogeneous consistency is obtained; and

(b) gradually cooling said mixture to room temperature, thus obtaining a homogeneous semi-solid paste that can be stored at room temperature and/or by household refrigerating.

90 (Currently Amended). A method according to claim 89 for the preparation of homogeneous semi-solid paste suitable for spreading ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of from at least about 50% to about 80% by weight of fish oil, and beeswax, said method comprising:

(a) mixing fish oil with beeswax at 80°C under stirring until a homogeneous consistency is obtained; and

(b) cooling said mixture to room temperature, thus obtaining a homogeneous semi-solid paste containing from at least about 50% to about ~~at least~~ 80% by weight of fish oil, that can be stored at room temperature and/or by household refrigeration.

91 (Currently Amended). A method according to claim 90, for the preparation of homogeneous semi-solid paste suitable for spreading consisting essentially of ~~comprising~~ about 83% by weight of fish oil, said method comprising:

(a) mixing 400 g fish oil with 80 g beeswax at 80°C under stirring until a homogeneous consistency is obtained; and

(b) cooling said mixture to room temperature, thus obtaining a homogeneous semi-solid paste containing about 83% by weight of fish oil that can be stored at room temperature and/or by household refrigeration.

92 (Previously Amended). A homogeneous semi-solid paste suitable for spreading comprising from about at least 50% by weight of fish oil and from about 20% to about 50% of beeswax, said homogeneous semi-solid paste being formed by a method comprising:

(a) mixing fish oil with beeswax at 80°C under stirring until a homogeneous consistency is obtained; and

(b) cooling said mixture to room temperature, thus obtaining said homogeneous semi-solid paste suitable for spreading.

93-96 (Cancelled)

97 (Previously Added). A nutritional supplement comprising a composition according to claim 61.

98 (Previously Added). A food additive comprising a composition according to claim 61.

99 (Previously Added). A food additive according to claim 98 wherein said composition is a omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acid enriched composition.

100 (Previously Added). A food additive according to claim 99 wherein said composition comprises omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acid enriched fish oil.

101 (Cancelled)

102 (Previously Added). A composition of matter according to Claim 65, wherein said fish oil contains about 80% by weight of omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids.

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